

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 -18 (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling a universal remote control to remotely control a plurality of remotely controllable devices each belonging to a respective device category, and each device having been manufactured by a different manufacture, the universal remote control unit having a plurality of lights corresponding to each device category a processor having a programming mode for programming the processor to control a particular device of a particular manufacturer, and a keyboard having a plurality of buttons for providing respective keyboard output signals upon user activation of respective ones of the buttons, the plurality of buttons including a first group of functional buttons and a second group of digit buttons; which method comprises:

(a) user activation of at least one of the functional buttons to cause the lights to turn on in sequence;

(b) user activation of at least one of the functional buttons when the light associated with the device category of the particular device it is desired to program is lit for placing the processor in the programming mode; and

(c) user actuation of at least one of the functional or digit buttons when the processor is in the programming mode for programming the processor to operate the particular device of the particular manufacturer.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein;

step (c) key comprises user activation of at least one of the digit buttons.

21. Original) The method of claim 19, wherein:

step (c) comprises activation of at least two digit buttons, the combination of which represents a model number of a manufacturer of a device.

22. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein step (a) comprises user activation of a first one of the functional buttons to cause a first one of the lights to turn on, followed by actuation of at least a second one of the functional buttons to cause the first light to turn off and a second light to turn on.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the second button is a directional button.

24. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein in step (a) the lights are cause to stay on for a predetermined period of time.

25. (Original) The method of claim 19, further including actuating at least one functional button after step (c) to enable programming of another particular device.